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Dates to Remember

Jan. 2—First day of School for Pre-K

Jan. 11—First day of School for part-time class

Jan 16—Martin Luther King Holiday—No School

Jan 24—Family Workshop—“Introduction to the Piramide Method of Learning” @ 2:30

Parents, did you know.....

Math Every Day

Math concepts can be supported at home through everyday, concrete experiences and exploration. Math involves not only counting, but sorting things into categories, learning to recognize shapes and sizes, and understanding spatial relations, such as on top, under, and beside. The more experiences in math-related activities children have, the more prepared they will be to understand math in school.

Classroom Happenings...

Welcome back to everyone! We had a wonderful 2011 and are looking forward to working with your children in the New Year!

During the month of January, we want to celebrate the creative artist in each child! Children will be encouraged to express themselves using a variety of art materials. We hope children will gain a deeper understanding of the visual arts as they explore different art mediums such as paintings, photographs, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, and sculptures. Music will also be an important component of this unit as students learn about rhythm and tempo and identify emotions and feelings as they listen to different styles of music. We will learn about how to manage different emotions as we talk and read books about what it means to be happy or sad, angry or frustrated, jealous or lonely.

Continue the learning at home.....

Set up a special area for art. Organize materials so your child can access them easily. Visit an art gallery or art museum. Talk with your child about the artwork and how it makes them feel.

Please check the message board for this month's vocabulary words. They are: emotion, energetic, frustrated, jealous, expression, curious, lonely, brave, acceptable, shy, proud, impatient, confused, weave, sculpture, mobile, inspire, positive, respect, consequence. When possible, try to use these words in conversations with your child!

NAEYC

This year we are seeking reaccreditation under the National Association for the Education of Young Children. As a NAEYC accredited site, we continually try to provide a safe and nurturing environment while promoting the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of young children. As we begin the self-assessment component of the reaccreditation process we will be asking for your help and input. We will be sending out additional information soon!



Does anyone play a musical instrument? Does anyone dance or paint? We would love for you to come and share your talents with the children!

Martin Luther King Holiday

UNA will be closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday Monday, January 16, 2012.

Dear Pre-K Parents,

We still have many families who need to complete their 6 hours of family enrichment. We will be sending a revised schedule of workshops planned for this semester home soon.